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“It Can Wait-No Texting While Driving Pledge Day”:

Los Angeles County holds the health and safety of its young adults as a chief concern.

Text messaging is the main mode of communication for most American teenagers with half of all teens sending between 21 and 70 texts a day. Approximately 90% of American teenagers expect a reply to a text message within five minutes.

In an AT&T survey, 43% of American teenage drivers admitted to texting while driving even though 97% know it is dangerous. A Virginia Tech Transportation Institute study showed those who send text messages while driving are 23 times more likely to crash.

A driver who sends a text message while driving not only jeopardizes his or her safety, but also the safety of passengers, pedestrians, and other drivers.

I, THEREFORE MOVE, that the Board of Supervisors proclaim September 19th as “It Can Wait – No Texting While Driving Pledge Day” and urge all residents in the County of Los Angeles to discourage teens and all drivers to wait to text and drive safely.

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